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LETTER DATED 21 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the attention of the members of the Council the report of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait pursuant to paragraph 6, subparagraph (f), of the guidelines to facilitate full international implementation of paragraphs 24, 25 and 27 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

The report was approved by the Committee on 21 February 1996.

(Signed) Tono EITEL
Chairman
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Annex

Report of the Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait pursuant to paragraph 6, subparagraph (f), of the guidelines to facilitate full international implementation of paragraphs 24, 25 and 27 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

1. The present report is submitted by the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, in accordance with paragraph 6, subparagraph (f), of the guidelines, 1/ for facilitating full international implementation of paragraphs 24, 25 and 27 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 approved by Security Council resolution 700 (1991) of 17 June 1991.

2. Under paragraph 6, subparagraph (f), of the guidelines, the Committee is required to report at 90-day intervals to the Security Council on the implementation of the arms and related sanctions against Iraq contained in the relevant resolutions of the Security Council. The present report is the nineteenth report submitted under the above-mentioned guidelines. The preceding reports were submitted on 13 September 2/ and 10 December 1991, 3/ 12 March, 4/ 11 June, 5/ 8 September 6/ and 4 December 1992, 7/ 19 March, 8/ 7 June, 9/ 7 September 10/ and 14 December 1993, 11/ 4 March, 12/ 6 June, 13/ 2 September 14/ and 29 November 1994 15/ and 1 March, 16/ 30 May, 17/, 25 August 18/ and 27 November 1995. 19/

3. By paragraph 12 of the guidelines, all States are requested to report to the Committee any information that may have come to their attention relating to possible violations of the arms and related sanctions against Iraq committed by other States or foreign nationals. In a letter dated 27 December 1995, Jordan informed the Committee that it had intercepted 115 rocket-guiding devices (gyroscopes) at the Amman Airport, an instance of violation in connection with paragraph 24 of resolution 687 (1991). These devices were made in the Russian Federation and the middle man was a Gazan businessman called Wi'am Abu Gharebah who had fled to Iraq. As the matter had been dealt with in the Security Council, the Committee took note of this communication at its 133rd meeting, on 7 February 1996.

4. In accordance with paragraphs 13 and 15 of the guidelines, all States and international organizations are required to consult the Committee on the question of whether certain items fall within the provisions of paragraph 24 of resolution 687 (1991), as well as in cases relating to dual-use or multiple-use items, i.e., items meant for civilian use but with potential for diversion or conversion to military use. During the period under review, no States or international organizations have consulted the Committee on these questions.

5. By paragraph 14 of the guidelines, international organizations are requested to provide the Committee with any relevant information that may come to their attention. During the period under review, no information as requested by paragraph 14 of the guidelines has been received by the Committee.

6. The Committee adopted a number of measures aimed at making its procedures more transparent, as recommended by the Security Council in the note of its President dated 29 March 1995. 20/ To that end, the Committee decided, inter alia, to increase the practice of issuing press releases reflecting the most important matters discussed at the meetings. The Committee also decided to make available to any delegation, on a regular basis, lists indicating the status of communications processed under the "no-objection procedure", as well as lists of decisions on other issues considered at Committee meetings. An annual report to the Security Council on its activities would also be prepared by the Committee. The Committee decided further, on 7 February 1996, that its Chairman will, as recommended by the Security Council, give an oral briefing to all interested delegations about the Committee's work after each meeting. The introduction of these measures are expected to further the process of improving the transparency of the Committee's procedures.

7. The Committee will continue its efforts to fulfil the mandate entrusted to it. Since the last report of the Secretary-General, dated 4 December 1991, 21/ no further communications have been received from Member States pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 700 (1991).

Notes

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